

information is broken, but a trace of the erased primary information is preserved by its related personalizing information. For example, long after an audio track has been removed from an MP3-player, its title and the number of times it has been played could still be available.

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In still another embodiment of the invention, primary information can be exchanged with similar devices, for example by connecting two MP3-players, audio files can be transferred between them. Attached to a file thus transferred is a personal tag belonging to the owner of the sending device. The tag is detached from the transferred audio file by the receiving device and stored as personalizing information by its personalizing means. The personal tag may comprise a personal message from the owner of the sending device, or an artistic icon. This personal tag is still preserved in the MP3-player long after removal of the song from the player's memory.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 7-10 and amend the claims as follows:

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An information processing device comprising:
a storage device for storing units of primary information;
a user operable interface for making selections from the units of primary information to be processed and/or from functions to be invoked,
a second storage device; and
a personalizing means for deriving personalizing information from said selections in order to store the personalizing information in the further storage means.

2. The device according to Claim 1, wherein the personalizing means is arranged to maintain a link between a respective unit of said primary information and a respective unit of the personalizing information.

3. The device according to claim 2, wherein the device includes a presentation means for presenting information, the personalizing means being arranged to present a respective unit of personalizing information which is linked to a respective unit of primary information while the respective unit of primary information is being processed.

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4. The device according to Claim 2, the device being arranged to erase a respective unit of primary information in response to a user command, wherein the personalizing means is arranged to remove a link between the respective unit of primary information and a respective unit of personalizing information, and to preserve the storage of the respective unit of personalizing information in the further storage means.

5. The device according to claim 1, the device including communication means for exchanging units of primary information with a similar device, wherein the personalizing means is arranged to attach a personal tag to a unit of primary information to be sent to the similar device, the personalizing means also being arranged to detach a personal tag from a received unit of primary information and store it as personalizing information in the further storage means.

6. A method for processing information, the method comprising the steps of:
storing of the primary information;
selecting portion of the primary information deriving personalizing
personalizing information for the selected portion of the primary information; and
storing of the personalizing information.

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7. The method of claim 6, further including the step of deriving a history of personalizing information, using two or more selected portions of primary information.